(c) whether Government of India propose to make any claim from Afghan Government to compensate the Indian origins who migrated to India;

(d) the number of Afghan nationals staying in India and whether Government proposes to deport them; and

(e) whether it is a fact that a number of Afghan nationals are involved in illegal money lending activities and other crimes and whether Government propose to confiscate the properties of such Afghan nationals involved in such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rhinoceros Census in the Kaziranga in Assam

1740. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an intensive rhinoceros census in the Kaziranga in Assam has been completed;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the census figures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Census has been completed in Kaziranga in Assam during March, 1991.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The report received from the Government of Assam state; that the population of Rhinoceros in Kaziranga was estimated to be 1129 in March, 1991.

Population of Rhino in the Kaziranga National Park

1741. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that population of Rhino in the Kaziranga National Park is decreasing steadly, if so details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that poaching of Rhino is being used to funding insurgents in Assam; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the funds earmarked for the protection of Rhino with the State have not reached the said National Park; if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) *The Rhino population in Kaziranga in repoted to have declined during last 3 years from 1250 in 1989 to 1129 in 1991.*

(b) Apprehensions to this effect have been expressed in different quarters.

(c) It is understood that the Central Assistance of Rs. 75.00 lakhs for 1992-93 earmarked for the protection of Rhino under the scheme "Conservation of Rhinos in Assam" has been released by the Government of Assam to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam.

सरदार सरोवर के विस्थापितों का पुनर्वास

1742. **श्री विश्वास राव रामराव पाटिल** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने सरदार सरोवर परियोजना के विस्थापितों के पुनर्वास हेतु 1500 हेक्टेयर भूमि की मांग की है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने उस पर क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सरदार सरोवर परियोजना से प्रभावित लोगों को धुले जिले में फिर से

बसाने के प्रयोजनार्थ वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम 1980 के तहत अतिरिक्त 1500 है० आरक्षित वन भूमि के अंतरण का एक प्रस्ताव महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकार से 23-10-1992 को प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ग) प्रस्ताव की ध्यानपूर्वक जांच करने के बाद इसे वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत 1-2-1993 को रद्द कर दिया गया है ।

Action Plan for Popularising the Brick manufacturing from Fly Ash

1743. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn any action plan for popularising the brick manufacturing from fly ash;

(b) if so, whether co-ordination committee has been established consisting of representative of scientific institutions of CSIR and Thermal Power authorities; and

(c) the details thereof whether any further funds have been allocated to upgrade the technique to reduce cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Environment & Forests has requested the State Governments to prepare Perspective Action Plan for fly ash utilisation. The Department of Power had set up a Working Group in March, 1990 for fly ash utilisation which included Members from concerned Ministries of the Government of India and State Governments, Planning Commission and also representatives from Governmental/autonomous organisations and manufacturers of building materials.

(c) No funds have been allocated to upgrade the technology, but fiscal incentives are given for utilisation of fly ash in building materials.

Militancy Hampering Project Tiger

1744. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Tribune dated January 25, 1993 captioned "Militancy hampering Project Tiger";

(b) what is Government's assessment about the extent to which militancy is hampering project tiger operations; and

(c) what was the population of the different species of tigers and other big cats in different reserves under the "Project Tiger" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Except in Manas, the problem of militancy is peripheral in the four Tiger Reserves namely, Corbet, Dudhwa, Nagarjunsagar and Indravati Tiger Reserves.

(c) The estimated population of tigers and leopards as per 1989 census was 1327 and 909 respectively.

Deforestation in Kumaon Region

1745. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SMT. VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Kumaon heading for disaster" in the